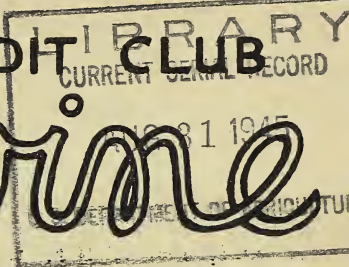


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DEPUTY LAND BANK COMMISSIONER JOHN A. SMITH

On August 31, 1945, John A. Smith retires as Deputy Land Bank Commissioner after 20 years' service in the Federal Government, all of which has been in the land bank system. Born in the little town of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio, he attended the local grade and high school and later graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the Ohio State University. Soon after receiving a Bachelor's degree he took time out to woo and win a winsome miss, Frances Burnett, with whom he recently celebrated the anniversary of 40 years of wedded happiness.

For 19 years he engaged, first under partnership and then as sole proprietor, in the buying and packing of leaf tobacco and during these years handled the Ohio accounts of several of the leading tobacco concerns in the United States. During this period and longer, he was also a farm owner and personally identified as manager of a farm.

His first appointment to the Federal service came on July 2, 1925, when he was appointed as a land bank appraiser, assigned to the Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank and performed appraisal services for that bank in addition to collection work and sales of farm properties. Beginning in November 1928, he was also assigned to the Federal Land Bank of Louisville and made appraisals for that institution principally in Ohio and Indiana. He was called to the central office in Washington, D. C. on July 15, 1929, on a temporary assignment for a month or six weeks as mortgage loan examiner. One of the officials stated at the time that, "We may keep him as long as six weeks--that is, if we like him." (They must have liked him plenty, because he stayed 16 years.)

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Editorial Staff

Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA. It is sent free to all servicemen.

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To conserve the Grapevine paper stock please place your copies of the Grapevine in your out-box after you have finished reading it. Two hundred copies are needed for mailing to FCA men and women in the service.

It is the policy of the GRAPEVINE staff to print only those articles which are signed by the author. If one wishes his name withheld from publication, that is his privilege; however, we will consideration to only those articles whose authorship is known.

Items for publication in the next issue of the GRAPEVINE should be in by Saturday, August 25.

August 26 marks the third birthday of the GRAPEVINE. We hope its readers continue their interest in its existence for many years to come.



PEACE

PRAYER AFTER TRIUMPH

In this grave hour of triumph
Which Thy hand, Lord, hath wrought,
Humble us yet, lest we forget
The things for which we fought.

..... Joseph Auslander

News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Pfc. Ruth Clark, WAC Squadron,
309 Vine St., Cincinnati, Ohio

August 6 brought a very welcome visitor to FCA--especially to those in Mr. Lindsey's office. Pfc. Ruth Clark, formerly in that office, spent a brief time here greeting old friends. She said, however, that "so many had moved their desks" that she couldn't see all of them and wished to make use of the GRAPEVINE to say "Hi" to everyone.

Ruth returned to this country a month ago from Central Africa where she had been working in the headquarters of the Commanding Officer.

Her stories of life in Africa are most entertaining. The natives, bashful at first with the strange women in uniform, soon learned to greet them with "Hello Joe." They think the United States

must be Heaven on earth, though the fact that we usually wear shoes is a slight drawback.

Ruth looks GRAND, and has thoroughly enjoyed every minute with the Women's Army Corps. It was nice to talk to one who had "no gripes" whatsoever. She left on August 6 for Cincinnati, to resume her duties there with the air force.

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Almost every letter reaching the desk of the Servicemen's Editor brings some comment on life and conditions in far-off lands. This information is so vivid, so alive compared with the mere reading of history and geography texts that we cannot help thinking how valuable it is for millions of "ordinary Americans" to have the privilege of learning how "the other half of the world lives" from first hand experience. Never again for them can life narrow down to a single community, or even a single country. Their concepts are forever broadened to encompass a world in which all men of whatever race or color must live in harmony with each other--all working together for the common good. It is unfortunate that it took a war to tear down the fences many of us had built around our little private worlds.

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Excerpts from a letter to Sarah Schneider from her cousin in England:

All the stories and lectures you hear are insignificant to the real thing. Can you imagine what 4½ months of day-and-night bombing without a break means to a person's nerves? To see people killed and maimed for life even though you have not suffered a scratch, certainly does you no good.

I really have to laugh when I read in the papers about American women

grumbling that they can't get this and that. We, in this country would willingly have eaten dry bread if we could lay our heads down peacefully on a soft bed at night. Could they also understand what it means to be without gas, electricity, or water after a night's bombing, or do you think they could sleep in the underground stations as so many thousands here did? Yes, Sarah, it certainly was tough going, and senseless to complain when so much was at stake for humanity.

Well, London is now looking its old self again. Lights are all up now and it is a real treat to the eyes, no more groping about in the blackout with flashlights or praying for the moonlight to see our way around. God is certainly good to us.

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NEW SERVICE ADDRESSES

(Change your directory; or add to it)

Capt. P.L. Di Pierro	Lt. Ed L. Waterman
16th Gen. Hospital	C.E. O-1181496
APO 513	APO 50003
c/o Postmaster	c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.	San Francisco, Calif.

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Examination	Dorothy Wilson
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Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Friends of Wave Margaret Ellefson gave a dinner in her honor at the Continental Hotel during a stop-over in the city while en route to her station in California.... Audit Unit welcomes detailer Ruth Kehr.. ..Word from recent FCA'er Bonnie Perry informs us she is enjoying being at her home in Wyoming even though she spends 7 days a week at her desk at the Army air base....Earl Clarke is visiting home folks in Wichita....Betty DeGraffenreid, who is on leave reuniting with her husband, John, writes that she has taken up duties of a nursemaid to care for a broken arm of John's, suffered as the result of a fall. Sgt. DeGraffenreid had just returned from a tour of duty in Europe without a scratch!....A recent guest of M. J. Fraile's was his niece, Betty Lou Rankin, who flew from her home in Philadelphia....Mildred Hamilton, who traveled to California for an extended visit with her soldier husband, writes that she is "enjoying" 110° temperature....Ruth Burris spent a week at her home in Humboldt, Kans....

Cooperative. Bob Steffey stopped in the office to visit former coworkers on his return from Europe....Our sympathy to Dorwin Scott on the recent death of his father....S. D. Sanders has welcomed home his son, Lt. Glen Sanders, from overseas.

Economic & Credit Research. Virginia Kipp departed for Denver via Continental Air Lines to visit a Naval friend.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Pfc. Ruth Clark, stationed in Cincinnati, Ohio, spent a few days visiting friends in the division.

Examination. John Cooper, formerly of the division, now with the USDA, Office of B&F, in Washington, visited in the office recently while on business in this vicinity....Eileen Fascher has received an interesting letter from curly haired former division messenger "Chuck" Nelson saying he is leading a rugged life in the Philippines....Elizabeth Welch from Stenographic Pool is detailing in Verifications Unit....Word from recent FCA'er Mary Nolz tells us she likes working in Minnesota and, although very busy, has found time to have fun on a few of the many lakes of that region....Charlotte Liebling and several friends entertained a visiting Wave, Frances Nelson, from San Francisco at dinner at the Terrace Grill on a recent eve....Dorothy Mack, traveling from San Angelo, Tex., with her soldier husband whose station has been changed to Chanute Field, stopped in to say hello to former coworkers.

Finance & Accounts. Recent out-of-town visitors in the Mel Jacomet home were Mel's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Jacomet and Janice....Mary Jo DeMasters is at her home recovering from an attack of pneumonia...Peggy Zinn is vacationing at a fun spot.... After spending a month's leave with her lieutenant husband, Russell, who arrived home from overseas, Louise Noblet has returned to her desk...Bob Drescher is currently playing ball with the Union Wire and Rope softball team.. ..Everett Moore, an FCA employee in D.C., visited in the division recently.. ..Among the new FCA'ers who have learned to enjoy the club room is Harriette Holdren who has become quite a dart thrower....Verna Brewer's sister was her guest for a few days....Former coworkers of Kenneth Lowe's are interested to hear that he has recently received his commercial and instructor pilot ratings and, in addition to working nights at Pratt & Whitney Corp., he will teach flying during a part of the day.

General Files. Hazel Foster is an Ozark vacationist....Rose Fleming's lieutenant son, Hubert, has arrived in Kansas City after completing a summer college course in Iowa while his injured leg healed.... Office duties are forgotten as Anna Messinger vacations.....Julia Connor proudly announces the arrival of baby boy at the home of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lynch, on July 31.

Graphic. Theodore Noland spent 2 weeks vacationing with the chickens on his ranch in Independence, Mo....A recent visitor in the section was Pfc. Herman Hercules newly arrived from Europe.... Bill Keith and Rita Nordhus are exploring Kansas City as a vacation spot.

Information & Extension. Guests in the E. B. Reid home are daughter, Florence, and granddaughter, Sue, from Michigan. Mrs. Reid is improving from a recent illness....Clay Mobley was away from his desk for a few days receiving a checkup in Wadsworth Army Hospital....An injured knee is one of the reasons Gladys Clark reports that housecleaning is no way to spend a vacation....James Robinson's brother, John, of Knoxville, Tenn., was a visitor in his home.

Land Bank. Returning fishermen E. Diebel and "Minnow" Jones have completed information on the latest tactics as to how to catch 'em (being from Missouri now we'd like to be shown the fish supposedly caught)....Alma Hughes spent a restful vacation at her home in Kansas City.....We hear that Andy Morrison is busy preparing tasty victuals for the Navy near San Pedro, Calif.....Two former FCA'ers dropped in recently to renew friendships in the division, John Lawson, now with the Veterans Adm., and P. L. Gaddis, now with the Equitable Life Insurance Co. of New York.

Library. Phoebe Norton's friend Gwen Bowman, arrived from St. Paul for a short visit.

Mail. Norman Simpson has resigned to continue his education in Kansas City.

Personnel. Marie Wassenburg proudly displayed a lace tablecloth sent to her by her husband from Europe....Ben Russell was reminded of his own earlier baseball career when he and Margaret watched George Bartlett's son play recently at Ruppert Stadium....Now we know why Jo Gerdes is entitled to "strut" a bit - a close friend, Cpl. Lindbloom, received the President's Citation....Cliff Goodson has dropped office cares for a vacation of several days....We understand Frances Sayre is dreaming again - of Oklahoma where her husband is presently stationed.... Vacationists to nearby Missouri towns include Betty Taylor to Maryville and Elinor Mitchell to St. Joe..... Personnel Division was the recipient of a beautiful box of candy from newlyweds Rosemary and Warren Bales.

Production Credit. Descriptive reports from Art Esgate and Paul Fankhauser indicate that their recent fishing vacation was a big success.....Cap Arnold's son, Lt. Bob Arnold, was among the first to land in Manila from the European theatre.

Purchase & Supply. James Mock is relaxing on a vacation at his home in Kansas City.

Solicitor's Office. Harriett Crawford from Stenographic Section is a new member of the office. Margaret Porter writes that she and Boots are having fun at their favorite vacation spot on nearby Lake Taneycomo....A summer of hard tennis playing resulted in a "Charlie horse" and a walking cane for George Hinde.....E. Anthony is a recent traveler to, and J. E. Lee from, Washington on official business.... Cecelia DiCanzio departed eastward for a visit with her husband's family.

Stenographic. Dorothy Perkins is on extended leave, spending it with her husband who has returned from overseas. ...Recent resignees who will return to their homes include Rosalyn Ham to Atchison, Kans., and Doris Kirchhoff to Blackburn, Mo....Marian Stolov's sister, "Frankie," is spending 2 weeks' vacation with her family in Kansas City.... Elizabeth Welch was surprised by a visit from her brother who recently arrived in the States....Week endists who enjoyed short trips to nearby spots include Doris Adams, Lillian Wortman, and Colleen Sperry.

Tabulating. Norma Jeanne Talkington was on the sick list for a few days... Helen Riggs' niece, Charlene Haynes, visited in the office....One of Jean Gross's interested men folks, Bud Yeoman, has returned from another flight overseas with interesting pictures taken on the trip....A paratrooper friend of Dick Robertson's who was wounded in France was a visitor in the office....We note that permanents are a "catching thing" nowadays.

Telephone. Catherine Donnelly has returned to her desk refreshed from an extended rest at her home in D. C.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Rosemary (Dawes) Bales dropped in while traveling over the country with her hubby. Says she saw Julia Norton in Miami and Julia has a lovely view of the ocean from all her office windows! Giff Hoag (W.W.) tells us that H. B. Vincent, Jr., USNR, was promoted to Lieutenant last April and is now on communications duty at an advanced base in the Pacific. "Bob" King (formerly NEA) dropped in to see some of the CR&S men the other day. We hear that Walter Bauer's pet turtle, "Rochester," passed away suddenly - guess the Atlantic ocean bath was too much for him! B. F. Viehmann has proudly announced a

"blessed event" - the arrival of 8 new Boxer pups! Our Transportation Section has been having a little difficulty with parking arrangements. There is quite a long story going the rounds concerning Ira Studebaker's difficulties in parking in Jake Epstein's space.

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TABULATION OF FARM CREDIT CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

as of August 13, 1945

	Potential- member- ship	Member- ship	%
Administrative			
Chief Clerk's Off.	6	6	100
General Files	27	27	100
Graphic	22	20	90.9
Mail	11	10	90.9
Off. of Chief & Planning	13	13	100
Purchase & Supply	15	15	100
Stenographic	15	15	100
Telephone	6	6	100
Vise	3	3	100
Cooperative	20	19	95
E & C R	21	21	100
E C & F L	11	10	90.9
Examination	15	15	100
Executive Off. (4th floor)	12	12	100
F & A			
Exec. and Gen., Typing Subunit, and Field Acctg.	23	23	100
Reports	24	24	100
Finance Subdiv.	28	28	100
Central Off. Acctg.	58	57	98.3
Tabulating	10	10	100
Info. and Ext.	11	11	100
Intermed. Credit	7	7	100
Land Bank	36	36	100
Library	6	6	100

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Home Service News



THE PINAFORE POST, a publication of the Kansas City and Jackson County chapter of the American Red Cross, devoted to news of the Nurse's Aides, comments that the Volunteer Special Service Award Pins for those having 500 or more hours as of May 20th are now available. Elsewhere in the same issue we note that Sarah Schneider is on the Honor Roll with 1,000 hours or more.

An FCA group of girls again functioned at the Servicemen's Club on Sunday morning, August 5, in serving the enlisted men doughnuts and coffee. There seemed to be an atmosphere of sober thinking among the boys instead of the usual gayety as VJ day was expectantly awaited. The girls serving were Pearl Ferguson, Lucille Achauer, Ruth Polson, Persis Gray, Marie Fuhr, Dorothy O'Bryan, Mary Jane Sullivan, Mary Lee Vincent, Rose Fleming, and Louise Pressgrove.

Jane Nevin says she really keeps busy on the dates of her assignments to canteen service at the Olathe Naval Base. On the 8-hour shift from 12 midnight to 8 a.m. frying eggs and bacon for 60 to 75 hungry fliers is no mean task to be performed with rather inadequate equipment. Lunch boxes are also packed for the boys to carry with them on the planes. But the job is never lacking in thrills, for there is rarely a time when one is on duty that an admiral or other high ranking celebrity fails to arrive and add zest to the party.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following additional committee chairmen have been appointed to serve during the ensuing year:

Educational.....Marie Fuhr
Welfare.....Earl Clarke

A Farm Credit Club Activities Questionnaire will be distributed shortly to all club members. Anticipate your Club activities now and plan your fall and winter schedule accordingly. A prompt return of the questionnaire will be appreciated by the committees affected and will assure all members another active club year.

YOUR CREDIT UNION IS MUCH CHEAPER

When you need money for any good purpose, compare the interest charged by your Credit Union with that of small loan companies. For example, your Credit Union charges \$6.42 interest for a loan of \$100 when repaid in 12 equal monthly installments, whereas most personal loan and finance companies would charge \$20.84 interest for a similar loan.

The credit committee meets regularly every Thursday; so members are urged to file their applications with Mrs. McWhirt in Room 1254 on Wednesday morning. Of course, in an urgent case the chairman will call a special meeting of the committee for immediate consideration of the loan application.

Tender Appeal

This sign was recently seen over the tomatoes on a vegetable stand in New York: "Please, Madam, do not squeeze me until I am yours."..The Liguorian

Club Room Notes



Through an oversight the following new books acquired by the club library were not previously listed in the GRAPEVINE:

PRIDE'S WAY by R. Molloy
A LION IN THE STREET by A. L. Langley
THE CITY OF TREMBLING LEAVES by
W. V. T. Clark
THE RAZOR'S EDGE by S. Maugham
THE FOUNTAINHEAD by A. Rand

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Members of the Farm Credit Club may purchase current fiction and non-fiction books at a discount of 25 percent by placing their orders during the noon hour with the librarian in the club room. With the exception of LIFE and TIME, subscriptions for most magazines may be obtained at a discount through the club. A few magazines such as the WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION, LADIES HOME JOURNAL, and GOOD HOUSEKEEPING are not accepting any new subscriptions at this time on account of the shortage of paper, but renewals will be accepted for a 2-year period.

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THE BEST IS YET by Morris Ernst has disappeared from the club library. Will the member who borrowed this book kindly notify the librarian at once.

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Hollywood

Hollywood is a city in the United States where someone is more likely to ask you Who's Whose than Who's Who.

.....O. A. Battista

New books recently received in the club library include:

SO WELL REMEMBERED by James Hilton
ARTIE GREENGROIN by Harry Brown
THE FEARMAKERS by Darwin Tielhet
THE COMPLETE BOOK OF SEWING by Constance Talbot
HUNKY JOHNNY by Edward J. Nichols
RICKSHAW BOY by Lau Shaw
STORY OF SCIENCE by David Dietz

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PEACHES BY CLUB PURCHASE

The General Service committee reports that peaches will be available for purchase through the club the last week in August or first week in September. As soon as prices are available a flier will be sent to all employees.

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CONTACT COMMITTEE NAMED
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F & A:	
Central Off. Acctg.	Doris Schmeltz
Exec. & Gen. Typing	
Subunit, & Field	
Acctg.	Rosalie Mountjoy
Finance Subdivision	Lorraine Meuers
Reports Section	Mary Jo DeMasters
Tabulating Unit	Richard Robertson
Info. and Ext.	Frances Price
Intermed. Credit	Iilian Massee
Land Bank Division	(Arlene Donason
	(Dixie Donelson
	Ruth Polson
Library	
Mortgage Corp.	
Serv. Div.	Mary Jane McGee
Personnel Div.	Jeanne Walkup
Production Credit	Evelyn Alberg
R A C C	Helen Bailey
Revolving Fund	Louise Schwendeman
Associate Solicitor's	
Office	Mary Lochbaum

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Sportlight

FCA SUMMER BOWLING LEAGUE

Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pin Fall
Browns	26	19	30,265
Yankees	25	20	29,435
Senators	24	21	29,437
Tigers	24	21	28,794
Athletics	22	23	28,594
White Sox	21	24	28,221
Indians	19	26	29,887
Red Sox	19	26	29,333

Records

HTG	Senators	812
HTS	Browns	2,206
HIG (men)	Frazee	256
HIG (women)	Anderson	256
HIS (men)	Frazee	615
HIS (women)	Anderson	555

Averages

Men		Women	
McWhirt	166	McGee	138
Frazee	162	Ruch	133
Drescher	161	Carter	131

FERGUSON AND FRANKLIN GOLF WINNERS

The championship flight was featured by all four participants shooting their best games of the season, but Pearl Ferguson and Alma Franklin were just a

little too "hot" for Mary Jane Blyholder and Sylvia Mehaffy to hold.

FCA's sister team, Bernice and Lorraine Meuers, who have been playing only a short time, out-veteraned veterans Mary Lee Vincent and Eileen Hague in the consolation match.

Low net went to Pearl Ferguson; and Louise Pressgrove, Pearl Ferguson, Eloise Moss and Eileen Hague were blind Bogey winners.

Tuesday, July 31, prizes were awarded and rules and regulations for the next tournament (August 4 to September 9) were announced at a dinner held at the Green Parrot, preceded by a cocktail party at the apartment of Eloise Moss. Following the dinner Louise Pressgrove entertained the golfers with excerpts from her popular speech "The Manpower Shortage."

Mary Louise Downing, one of the Mail Room messengers, preaches what she practices, for she has written:

SMILE

Smile, for a smile lights your way.
It shines like a beacon all day.
Smile, and you'll find by and by
All smile -- even birds in the sky.

If you're sad and you smile, all is gay.
If you're blue and you smile, it will pay.

For a smile is the thing that makes us
all sing,
And turns winter and summer to spring.

"She has a magnetic personality."
"She should have. Every stitch she has on is charged."

DEPUTY LAND BANK COMMISSIONER

JOHN A. SMITH

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Upon arriving in Washington, it is interesting to note that he was assigned a male secretary, but then, that was back in the dark days of 1929. In taking up his duties Mr. Smith stated that he had never "dictated" to anyone except his wife before, but apparently he did all right. A permanent appointment in the Washington office was extended to Mr. Smith, and in accepting the appointment as Chief Mortgage Loan Examiner, he wrote from his Ohio home as follows:

"I wish to thank you for your words of confidence and to assure you I am taking up the work with an open mind and a purpose to give the best I have."

(These are words which should be an inspiration and guide to all in taking up each new task in the Federal service.)

How unceasingly and capably he carried out that high purpose is recognized in his successive appointments as Chief of the Mortgage Loan Examination Unit, Chief Reviewing Appraiser and during the last 6 years, as Deputy Land Bank Commissioner.

Among other things he organized and was in charge of mortgage loan examinations at the time the volume of loans reached the highest peak in the land bank system; assisted in determination of appraisal policies and practices, and during his incumbency as Deputy Commissioner there were inaugurated a number of advances in servicing by way of new loan treatments and farm management, all of which afforded substantial benefits to farmer-borrowers.

After a score of years of Federal service Mr. Smith returns to his former home State of Ohio and will reside near

Dayton, where he can follow a less strenuous routine, enjoy some of the leisure that he has earned and follow more closely the activities of the Ohio State football team. His retirement, however, from the service is not indicative of a lessening of his interest in the farm loan system and the broad phases of agricultural welfare; he will be reading, writing, speaking, and in an unofficial capacity working in behalf of the general interest of Agriculture, to which he has dedicated his life. In leaving the Farm Credit Administration, John Smith carries with him the sincerest good wishes of his many friends, not only in the central office but throughout the whole farm loan system, who join in wishing him many years of health and happiness.

Jos. M. Munroe

TABULATION OF FARM CREDIT CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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Mortgage Corp.			
Serv. Div.	14	14	100
Personnel	30	30	100
Production Credit	19	19	100
R A C C	6	6	100
Revolving Fund	5	4	80
Solicitor's Off.	28	27	96.4
Total	502	494	98.4

YOU CAN LAY TO THAT

As the best egg for a nest egg
Buy a Victory Bond - buy a batch,
But you gotta keep 'em settin'
Or they ain't gonta hatch!
